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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OSA

SUBJECT: Electronic Data Processing (EDP)
Programmer Training

1. In answer to our query, the Director, NPIC has indicated that the facilities of their EDP computer program will be available to the Agency for support of the OXCART flight planning requirement. Initial installation of their Remington Rand Univac equipment is scheduled for 1 November and final acceptance should be on 1 January 1963.

2. The training of programming personnel who will be involved in actual use of the equipment is to commence on 29 October 1962. This training will be directed by Remington Rand as part of their over-all service contract in connection with the equipment and will be conducted at their Massachusetts Avenue office over a period of eight weeks. Since attendance will include not only NPIC staff and supervisory personnel, but also outside students from other sources, the class will be of an unclassified nature. The training will be elementary in nature and designed to train beginners in the principles of EDP programming with specific emphasis on Univac equipment.

3. Since some time will elapse before the Computer Branch of OD/OSA will be effectively manned it would seem wise to take advantage of this NPIC class scheduling to determine the type of training presently available for our future programmers. Accordingly it is proposed to schedule [redacted] to attend this class starting 29 October. The following results will be expected at the termination of this training:

A. EDP indoctrination programming capability for a number of the OXCART staff.

B. Acquaintance with the specific equipment/capability to be made available through NPIC to OD/OSA.

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C. Development of a concept of training for the balance of the OXCART mission planners yet to arrive.

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